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SUBJECT: MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE REPRESENTS GOC AT AOU

CONFERENCE ANGOLA

1. GOC HAS NAMED SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL (SMC) MEMBER AND MINISTER AGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY LT. GOURA LASSOU TO REPRESENT PRESIDENT MALLOUM AT AOU CONFERENCE ON ANGOLA.

2. LASSOU IS SOMEWHAT CURIOUS CHOICE. TO BESTHUNOWLEDGE EMBASSY HE HAS PARTICIPATED ONLY SLIGHTLY IS AT ALL IN INTENATIONAL AFFAIRS SINCE MILITARY TAKEOVER LAST APIL. AT 34, HE IS AMONG YOUNGER MEMBERS CSM, AND SELECTION TO REPRESENT PRESIDENT MAY INDICATE INCREASE IN IMPORTANCE OF YOUNGER (A D REPUTEELY MORE IMPATIENT) MEMBERS CSM AND OF PERSONAL ROLE OF LASSOU.

3. ON REFLECTION, EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT FOLLOWING SACTORS PROBABLY DECISIVE IN GOC DECISION TO RECOGNIZE MPLA: RECENT MILITARY VICTORIES MPLA; PRESURE FROM AFRICAN NEIGHBORS (PARTICULARLY CONGO, WHICH HAS BEEN SOURCE OVF ARMSFAND IGERIA) AND USSR; CONVICTION THAT U.S. (OR OTHER WESTERN POWERS) UNLIKELY ADVERSELY AFEIT AREAS U.S./ CHADIAN RELATIONS IN WHICH GOC MOST INTERESTED.LITTLE

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